

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of consolidating data from multiple spreadsheets comprising:
storing a custom search, wherein the custom search enables execution of a predetermined search;
receiving a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets via a graphical control panel;
receiving a selection of portions of data from files corresponding to each of the plurality of spreadsheets;
wherein the portions of data comprise results of [[a]] the custom search within the plurality of spreadsheets; and
executing automated consolidation of the portions of data, wherein the automated consolidation comprises:
retrieving the portions of data;
generating a final report spreadsheet;
appending the portions of data to the final report spreadsheet; and
appending information identifying sources of the portions of data to the final report spreadsheet.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the portions of data include at least one workbook.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the portions of data include at least one worksheet.
5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving a selection of portions of data further comprises receiving, via the graphical control panel, a selection of at least one of rows, columns, cells, tables, filenames, workbook names, worksheet names, and spreadsheet names of at least one file included in the plurality of spreadsheets.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the results of the search comprise results of a search for desired text within the plurality of spreadsheets.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising appending additional data to the final report spreadsheet, wherein the additional data is not within the plurality of spreadsheets.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the search comprises a predetermined search of one or more selected spreadsheets.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium encoded with computer executable instructions to:

receive a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets via a graphical control panel, the graphical control panel comprising a spreadsheet selection area that includes a select all open workbooks selection to enable a search of all open workbooks, wherein the selection of the plurality of spreadsheets comprises all open workbooks when the select all open workbooks selection is selected;

receive a selection of first portions of data from the plurality of spreadsheets via the graphical control panel;

identify second portions of data from the plurality of selected spreadsheets via a predefined search; and

generate a final report comprising the first and second portions of data.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A multiple spreadsheet data consolidation system comprising:
~~a monitor;~~
~~a storage device; and~~
a controller, the controller including a custom search module adapted to execute a
predefined search to identify desired portions of data;
wherein the controller is adapted to:

display a graphical control panel on ~~the~~ a monitor, the graphical control panel
comprising a spreadsheet selection area to receive a selection of a plurality
of spreadsheets that include the desired portions of data, wherein the
spreadsheet selection area comprises a select all open spreadsheets
selection to select execution of the predefined search on all open
spreadsheets;
generate a final report spreadsheet;
append the desired portions of data to the final report spreadsheet; and
append information identifying sources of the desired portions of data to the final
report spreadsheet.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the spreadsheet selection
area comprises a workbook selection area.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the spreadsheet selection
area comprises a worksheet selection area.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the spreadsheet selection area comprises a worksheet subset selector.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the graphical control panel further comprises a status indicator.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the graphical control panel further comprises an event logger adapted to track generation of the final report spreadsheet and to report the tracking ~~to a user~~ during generation of the final report spreadsheet.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the spreadsheet selection area comprises a window to receive the selection of the plurality of spreadsheets.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 10, further comprising computer executable instructions to allow a user to define the predefined search.

23. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 10, wherein the final report further comprises information identifying sources of the first and second portions of data in the final report.